

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 20, the paragraph starting at line 15, and continuing to page 21, line 9, please replace this paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

A detent feature is provided to allow the protection module 72 to make electrical contact with a rear pair of electrical contacts 75 of the connector module 70 that is wired to the central office or the like without making electrical contact with a front pair of contacts 74 that are wired to the telecommunications equipment requiring protection. More specifically, the protection module 72 includes on the undersurface of the bottom walls thereof a pair of first and second protrusions 180 80, 106, which are spaced apart from each other a predetermined distance. A lip or ridge 108 running transversely across the upper surface of the front contact housing 83 projects upwardly in the direction of the downwardly extending first and second protrusions 180 80, 106 of the protection module. The protection module 72, when inserted into the connector module 70, has its first protrusion 180 80 riding up and over the ridge 108 of the connector module 70 so that the ridge 108 is in between the first and second protrusions 180 80, 106. The slight resistance caused by the first protrusion 180 80 meeting and riding up and over the ridge 108 when the protection module is partially inserted into the connector module is felt by the installer, and provides an indication that the protection module is positioned with respect to the connector module such that the rear electrical contacts 77 of the protection module are in contact and electrical communication with the corresponding rear electrical contacts 75 of the connector module and such that ground contact 78 of the protection module is in contact and electrical communication with the ground 85, without forward contacts 76 of the protection module being in electrical contact with the corresponding forward contacts 74 of the connector module 70. The installer may proceed with inserting the protection module further into the connector module whereupon the second protrusion 106 contacts and rides up over the ridge 108 on the connector module 70 so that the protection module is fully received by the connector module, and contacts 76, 77 and 78 of the protection module 72 engage and make electrical contact with contacts 74, 75 and ground 85, respectively, of the connector module 70. It is envisioned that the placement of the ridge 108 and protrusions 180 80, 106 may be reversed, with the ridge on each protection module and a plurality of first and second protrusions being formed on the front contact housing 83.